

# Chapter V: Consultation and Coordination

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### A. Introduction

Chapter 5 describes the public participation opportunities made available for the development of the Bay Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Formal consultation and collaborative efforts were made with the State of Alaska and Resource Advisory Council to date. Also provided is a listing of the documents preparers, agencies, and organizations that received copies of the Draft RMP/EIS for review. Public participation was conducted during the preparation of the document and will continue to involve the public through managing efforts at the Anchorage Field Office (AFO).

The Anchorage Field Office (AFO) interdisciplinary team and BLM Alaska State Office were preparers of the Bay RMP/EIS. The Bristol Bay Environmental Inc. prepared the leasable mineral inventory report. Both teams provided technical analysis and review for organizing the document. Formal and informal consultation was conducted with the RMP/EIS team, agencies, groups, and individuals.

Throughout the scoping process consultation, coordination, and public involvement occurred while developing this document. There were Alternative development meetings and briefings with various Federal, State, Native groups and Agencies. Government to government consultation was also conducted within the scoping process. Also, informational meetings with interested individuals and organizations were included as part of the scoping process.

### B. Public Participation Opportunities

For purposes of planning, there are several methods offered for public participation. The types of public participation approaches used are described below:

#### *1. Scoping*

During the period of public scoping, public meetings were held from January 2005 until the end of March. These public meetings included communities such as: Anchorage, Dillingham, Homer, Soldotna, and smaller communities of Aleknagik, Koliganek, Iliamna, and Naknek. The publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) for the Bay RMP/EIS was published on December 6, 2004. The public scoping meeting discussed a variety of issues which included: purpose for preparing a new plan, planning area and adjacent lands to BLM, planning schedule, planning criteria, framework of the plan, and examples of specific decisions addressed for the plan.

BLM identified preliminary management concerns which were addressed in the project's first newsletter December 2004. Other management concerns were gathered by public input. A series of issues and topics were identified by Federal, State, Native groups and agencies for consideration in the RMP/EIS during the planning process. Over 2,000 members of the public provided a total of 264 scoping comments during the scoping process. These comments were reviewed, organized by issue, and entered into a scoping comments database to facilitate retrieval and tracking through the RMP/EIS process. The final Bay Plan Scoping Report is a separate document, available from BLM Anchorage Field Office. You may request a copy of the report at: [akbayrmp@blm.gov](mailto:akbayrmp@blm.gov).

Scoping comments and input were collected during formal scoping meetings, Government-to-Government consultations, via email, telephone calls, FAXes, and United States mail. Prior to the scoping period, representatives of BLM published public announcements in regional and local newspapers and provided public announcements on local radio to inform the public that BLM was beginning the Bay RMP/EIS process. A brochure was developed, and an electronic copy of it and a map of the planning area were posted on the Bay RMP/EIS planning website at [www.blm.gov/ak/ado/BayRMP01.html](http://www.blm.gov/ak/ado/BayRMP01.html).

## ***2. Draft Alternative Development***

A newsletter containing a summary of the draft Alternatives was mailed to the public and organizations for their review and informal comment on May 14, 2006.

## ***3. Other Outreach Efforts***

After the formal scoping period, a number of briefings and Government-to-Government consultations and/or briefings were carried out in the communities of Anchorage, Dillingham, King Salmon, New Stuyahok, and Quinhagak. Comments were recorded and became a part of the Administrative Record.

Comments continue to be received by email, by telephone, and by postal mail, and they are also made part of the Administrative Record. Comments will be taken throughout the RMP process.

Briefings were conducted for organizations upon request. Briefings were provided for the Alaska Miner's Association, the Alaska Coalition, and the Bristol Bay CRSA in April and May, 2006. Newsletters were mailed out periodically to keep approximately 2,600 interested members of the public informed of BLM's progress on the Bay RMP/EIS.

# **C. Consultation**

## ***1. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Consultation***

As required by Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, prior to initiating any project by BLM that may affect any federally-listed threatened or endangered species or its habitat consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) must be made.

Section 7 consultation with USFWS was initiated by AFO via a letter, describing the proposed project, which included a detailed description of Alternatives. During the consultation, an endangered species list was requested by BLM. The FWS provided a written response of listed threatened and endangered species found throughout the planning area, and indicated that the threatened and endangered species of Steller eiders, Southwestern sea otters, and Kittlitz's murrelet occur in the area of the proposed Bay Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

## ***2. National Marine Fisheries Service Consultation***

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is responsible for the administration of the ESA as it applies to the listed cetaceans and pinnipeds in Alaska. These include seven species of endangered whales, the threatened eastern population of Steller sea lions, and the endangered western population of Steller sea lions.

Informal consultation with NMFS was initiated by the AFO via a letter describing the proposed project area and the project Alternatives, and requesting a species list.

### ***3. Tribal Consultation***

Tribal Consultation was conducted in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966 to maintain BLM's Government-to-Government relationship between Native villages and corporations, via a letter to over 50 Native villages and corporations.

In order to continue with Government-to-Government coordination and consultation BLM will maintain communication with the villages throughout the planning process and during future planning efforts.

## **D. Collaboration with the State of Alaska**

Since there is a vast amount of State-selected land involved within the Bay planning area it is necessary for BLM to consult with the State of Alaska. Therefore, BLM involved the State of Alaska at the beginning of the planning process via a letter inviting the State of Alaska to participate in the RMP/EIS process. The State of Alaska and the BLM developed a strategy for interagency cooperation and consultation for land use planning efforts for the Bay RMP/EIS. As part of this strategy, the State of Alaska and the BLM jointly funded a liaison position. That person channeled information between the State and BLM during the planning process. This method has been effective in involving the State personnel with the review of draft materials and the exchange of information.

## **E. Plan Distribution**

Since initial scoping, BLM has maintained a mailing list of individuals, businesses, special interest groups, and Federal, State, Tribal, and local government representatives interested in the development of the Bay RMP/EIS (currently at approximately 2,600 individuals/groups).

In an effort to reduce printing costs notices were mailed to everyone on the mailing list in August 2006 asking whether they wished to remain on the mailing list, and in which format (hard copy or CD) they wished to receive the document for review. Copies of the Draft RMP/EIS are also available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Alaska State Library 2
- ADEC Library
- Dillingham Public Library
- Homer Public Library 2
- Anchorage Municipal Library (Z.J. Loussac Library)
- ARLIS 4
- Naknek Public Library
- DOI Natural Resource Library 2
- Department of the Army CRREL Library
- Kenai Peninsula College Library
- Library of Congress
- UAF Rasmuson Library
- UAF Wildlife Library
- U.S. Department of Interior Library
- Soldotna Public Library

### **Federal Government Agencies**

- Alaska Maritime NWR
- Kenai NWR
- Alaska Peninsula/Becharof NWR
- Togiak NWR
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- BLM- Director's Office
- Minerals Management Service
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- USDI - National Park Service
- Katmai National Park and Preserve Complex
- Lake Clark National Park and Preserve
- NPS-Division of Environmental Quality
- NMFS, Protected Resource Management Division
- Federal Aviation Administration
- U.S. Army

- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Department of the Interior-  
Office of Environmental Policy and  
Compliance

- U.S. Department of the Interior-  
Office of External Affairs
- U. S. EPA Alaska Regional Director

#### **State Government Agencies and Organizations**

- Alaska Chamber of Commerce
- Alaska Department of Natural  
Resources (ADNR)
- Alaska Department of Fish and  
Game
- Alaska State Historic Preservation  
Officer

- Honorable Frank Murkowski,  
Governor of Alaska
- University of Alaska, Anchorage-  
Land Management
- University of Alaska, Fairbanks  
Cooperative Ecosystem Study Unit  
(CESU)

#### **Local Governments and Communities**

- City of Aleknagik
- City of Clark's Point
- City of Dillingham
- City of Ekwok
- City of Goodnews Bay
- City of Quinhagak
- City of Manokotak
- City of Togiak

- City of New Stuyahok
- City of Newhalen
- City of Nondalton
- City of Pedro Bay
- City of Platinum
- Bristol Bay Borough
- Lake and Peninsula Borough

#### **Tribal Government and Communities**

- Bristol Bay Native Corporation
- Bristol Bay Native Association
- Ekwok Village Council
- Aleknagik Natives, Ltd.
- Calista Corporation
- Igiugig Native Corporation
- Iliamna Natives Limited
- Choggiung Limited
- Koliganek Natives Limited
- Olsonville Inc.
- Levelock Natives Limited
- Saguyak, Inc.
- Manokotak Natives Limited
- Ekwok Natives Limited
- Paugvik Incorporated, Limited
- Kuitsarak, Inc.
- Stuyahok Limited
- Kijik Corporation
- Pedro Bay Native Corporation
- Aleknagik Traditional Council

- Native Village of Goodnews Bay
- Arviq, Inc.
- Qanirtuuq, Inc.
- Iliamna Village Council
- King Salmon Village Council
- Togiak Natives Corporation
- Kokhanok Village Council
- Twin Hills Native Corporation
- New Koliganek Village Council
- Levelock Village Council
- Portage Creek Village Council
- Manokotak Village Council
- Native Village of Kwinhagak
- Naknek Village Council
- South Naknek Village Council
- Newhalen Tribal Council
- Twin Hills Village Council
- Nondalton Tribal Council
- Pedro Bay Village Council
- Platinum Traditional Council

#### **Congressional Delegation**

- U.S. Representative Don Young
- U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski
- U.S. Senator Ted Stevens

**State Legislators**

- Rep. John Coghill Jr.
- Rep. John Harris
- Rep. Vic Kohring
- Rep. Peggy Wilson
- Rep. Harry Crawford
- Rep. Sharon Cissna
- Rep. Eric Croft
- Rep. Ethan Berkowitz
- Rep. Norman Rokeberg
- Rep. Lesil McGuire
- Rep. Beth Kerttula
- Rep. Kevin Meyer
- Rep. Mike Chenault
- Rep. Carl Moses
- Rep. Mary Kapsner
- Rep. Richard Foster
- Rep. Reggie Joule
- Rep. Kim Elton
- Rep. Albert Kookesh
- Rep. Gary Wilken
- Rep. Gene Therriault
- Rep. Lyda Green
- Rep. Gretchen Guess
- Rep. Bettye Davis
- Rep. Johnny Ellis
- Rep. Ben Stevens
- Rep. John Cowdery
- Rep. Gary Stevens
- Rep. Lyman Hoffman

**Non-Governmental Organizations and Businesses**

- Alaska Coalition
- Alaska Miners Association
- Alaska Quiet Rights Coalition
- Alaska Sportsmans Lodge
- Delta Discovery
- Mountain Defense League
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Wilderness Society

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